

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَأْنُ يُصْلِّي عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon  
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his  
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

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## The Immense Precaution of Imam Abu Hanifah

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It is reported that once a person brought his young son to Imam Abu Hanifa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - so that he could learn Islamic Fiqh. One day, a person died in the same town. The people called the great Imam to perform the Janazah Salaah. When Imam Abu Hanifa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - reached there, there were also many other people who had gathered there. There was only a single small area which could protect people from the immense heat. However, the people mentioned that the great Imam should be given the opportunity to sit in this area.

Imam Abu Hanifa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then asked them, "Who does this area belong to?"

The people mentioned that this area belonged to the same person who had sent his young son to the great Imam to be educated.

The great Imam then refused to sit on that spot. When the people asked him the reason for this, Imam Abu Hanifa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied, “I do not want people to think that I am enjoying this area of shade as a payment for teaching him.” (Nawaadir)

Once a person was walking past the classes of Imam Abu Hanifa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and he decided to sit and listen to the lesson being delivered. The great Imam also mentioned that one of the etiquettes of relieving oneself in the toilet is to place ones hand over one’s nose. Bear in mind that this is not Fard or Waajib but something which is recommended. However, this person decided that he would make sure that he practises on this advice of the great Imam.

One day, the same person was walking on a certain road and he wanted to urinate. He stepped on one side of the road and entered a private area. He also remembered the advice of Imam Abu Hanifa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and placed his one hand over his nose. In this manner, he actually blocked his entire face.

Unbeknown to this person, at that moment, there was also an enemy of this person who was stalking him and wanted to kill him with an arrow. However, when the enemy of this person approached as near as possible, he could not make out clearly whether this was his enemy or not since the person had blocked his face. Because of this doubt, the killer decided to spare this person who was urinating. In other words, a simple issue mentioned by the great Imam had actually saved the life of this person.

In other words, there is no doubt that the lives, the words and the actions of the pious are certainly a means of great blessing for the Ummah.